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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING BETWEEN EMBOFF AND UNFPA REGIONAL COORDINATOR DURING WHICH NOMINEES TO ATTEND WPS CONFERENCE FROM FIJI, TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA WERE AGREED UPON (IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST CONTAINED REF. B.), UNFPA COORDINATOR DISCOVERED THAT IN HER ABSENCE, AND WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE, UNDP HAD SENT MESSAGES TO GOVERNMENTS OF FIJI AND WESTERN SAMOA ASKING THAT THEY NAME THREE RPT THREE NOMINEES TO ATTEND SUBJECT CONFERENCE. MESSAGES SENT BY UNDP WERE IN RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM UNFPA HEADQUARTERS. UNFPA COORDINATOR HAS NOT YET HEARD FROM GOVTS OF FIJI AND WESTERN SAMOA AS TO WHOM THEY WILL NOMINATE. TONGA WAS NOT INCLUDED IN UNFPA INSTRUCTIONS.

2. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED FROM DEPT. APPROVAL BY WPS OF NOMINATIONS FOR DAUCAKACAKA FROM FIJI AND ANNANDALE FROM WESTERN SAMOA TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT INVITATIONS NOT RPT NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL UNFPA REGIONAL COORDINATOR RECEIVES RESPONSES FROM GOVTS OF

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FIJI AND WESTERN SAMOA. UN AGENCIES TRADITIONALLY REQUEST THAT HOST COUNTRIES SELECT WHO WILL REPRESENT THEM AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. UN REPRESENTATIVES HERE ARE NOW IN POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING POSITION OF HAVING GONE AHEAD AND SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WITHOUT REGARD TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOST GOVTS, EVEN THOUGH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SOUGHT. UNFPA COORDINATOR

HAS SENT FOLLOW-UP MESSAGES TO GOF AND GOWS REQUESTING
THEIR URGENT ATTENTION TO MATTER. WITH ANY LUCK,
DAUCAKACAKA AND ANNANDALE WILL BE AMONG THOSE SUGESSTED
BY THEIR GOVTS, BUT THAT CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DEPT. URGENTLY NOTIFY WPS
OF SITUATION AND ASK THAT INVITATIONS TO DAUCAKACAKA
AND ANNANDALE BE HELD PENDING NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE
BY GOF AND GOWS. UNFPA COORDINATOR WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY,
AND WE, IN TURN, WILL NOTIFY DEPT. IMMEDIATELY UPON
RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS.
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